~ Synopsis ~

Chester County, Pennsylvania Multiple Stamp Usages

MULTIPLES OF POSTAL ADHESIVES ON CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COVERS POSTED DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF 1856 TO 1896, FOUR DECADES OF POSTAL HISTORY FROM THIS SOUTHEASTERN PA HISTORICAL COUNTY, ADD INTEREST TO THE ROUTES, RATES, USAGES, MARKINGS, AND POSTAL SIGNIFICANCE. ALSO PERTINENT RELATED HISTORICAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE STORY.

CHESTER COUNTY MULTIPLE STAMP USAGES IS THE RESULT OF OVER 35 PLUS YEARS OF SEARCHING FOR THESE ELUSIVE COVERS FROM ANY OF THE 253 RECORDED COUNTY POST OFFICES. 200 HAVE BEEN MERGED INTO EXISTING P. O.'S AND TODAY ONLY 53 ARE STILL OPERATING. THE SELECTION OF A ONE-FRAME PRESENTATION IS APROPOS DUE TO THE LIMITATION OF MATERIAL. THE EXHIBIT IS ARRANGED CHRONOLOGICALLY COVERING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POSTAGE STAMP(S) ON LETTERS POSTED FROM SMALL POST OFFICES OF ONE OF THE THREE ORIGINAL PENNSYLVANIA (2ND STATE) COUNTIES.

HIGHLIGHTS

1851 ISSUES TO INTERESTING AND SOMEWHAT DISTANT DESTINATIONS

EARLY USAGES FROM SMALL POST OFFICES

SINGLES, PAIRS, & STRIPS OF THREE OF VARIOUS STAMPS ON COVER

CIVIL WAR ERA USAGES

USAGE OF SHORT-LIVED REGISTRY RATE – 1874

NUMEROUS MIXED FRANKING

MOURNING COVER WITH MIXED FRANKING

CORNER ADVERTISING

RATE CHANGES DEMONSTRATED

LATE EXAMPLES OF MANUSCRIPT TOWN MARKINGS

REGISTERED(S) WITH REGISTERED RECEIPT EXAMPLE

FANCY CANCELS

WESTTOWN LOCAL WITH THREE-CENT WASHINGTON

FOREIGN DESTINATION

DEFINITION FOR THIS EXHIBIT: IN PHILATELY, A MIXED FRANKING IS AN *OCCURRENCE* OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF AN ISSUING ENTITY PLUS LOCALS THAT OCCUR ON A SINGLE COVER.